

State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-17

FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR OF CHRISTOPHER RAMOS

WHEREAS, Christopher Ramos tragically lost his life on April 5, 2004 while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Ramos served as a Lance Corporal in the U.S. Marines. Christopher Ramos first joined the U.S. Marines in 2002 and he had been deployed to Iraq on one prior occasion; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Ramos was a native New Mexican and a resident of the City of Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Ramos was a 1995 graduate of West Mesa High School in Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Ramos dedicated his life to serving his country and will be remembered for his bravery and patriotism; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in the Governor, do hereby order that all flags be flown at half-staff from Thursday, April 8, 2004, through the date of interment, in mourning and in honor of Christopher Ramos. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to the family of Christopher Ramos as well as a heartfelt thank you for his military service.

ATTEST:

REBECCA VIGIL-BIRON SECRETARY OF STATE DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL, 2004

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

BILL RICHARDSON

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GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO